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Circular Letter No. 148

To: Superintendents, High School Principals, and
High School English Teachers.

Re: TOPICS FOR SCHOOL OF THE AIR ENGLISH PROGRAMS

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Interlude program which was broadcast by the School of the Air on December 18 aroused so much interest that it seems worth-while to link high school English classes more closely to these programs than we have in the past. The spontaneity and sincerity with which the young people from the Caguas and Ponce high schools spoke demonstrated that high school pupils can express themselves in English if they have adequate motivation.

Since the topic, "Is motion picture-going replacing leisure time reading?" proved interesting to the group invited to take part in the discussion, we have decided to ask pupils to submit topics for similar programs in the future.

English teachers are therefore requested to secure, from their pupils, suggested topics for group discussions on School of the Air programs. These topics should be sent to the school of the air by January 15 so that they may be classified and assigned for coming programs.

In English classes which meet immediately following the broadcast, whenever it is possible, the discussion of the topic from the radio program should be continued. In stimuli for oral English!

Very truly yours,

(Signed) JOSE M. GALLARDO
Commissioner of Education